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1. BASED ON INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED IN CA-3909, INVITATION TO JULY 4 RECEPTION SENT TO PRC AMBASSADOR WANG CHAN-YUAN PRIOR RECEIPT REFTEL, THAT IS OVER TWO WEEKS AGO.

2. PRC EMB PHONED THIS MORNING (JULY 3) POLITELY TO EXPRESS AMB'S APPRECIATION OF INVITATION AND REGRETS THAT HE WOULD NOT RPT NOT BE ABLE TO ATTEND.

3. THIS IS SIMILAR TO THEN-PRC CHARGE'S LAST MINUTE REGRET OF INVITATION EXTENDED HIM TO ATTEND JAN 20 RECEPTION MY WIFE AND I HOSTED IN HONOR OF PRESIDENT NIXON'S INAUGURATION. AT THAT TIME WE ASSUMED INSTRUCTIONS HAD BEEN SOUGHT FROM PEKING.

4. WHEN AMB WANG PRESENTED CREDENTIALS LAST APRIL, WE RECEIVED FORMAL NOTE, WHICH WE ACKNOWLEDGED AFTER SEEKING DEPT'S CONCURRENCE(STATE 066651). AMB DID NOT, HOWEVER, PAY COURTESY CALL ON ME AS HE DID ON OTHER CHIEFS OF MISSION
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HERE. NEVERTHELESS, WHEN MINISTER FON AFFRS INTRODUCED US SHORTLY THEREAFTER AT A SOCIAL FUNCTION HE WAS HOSTING (AFTER

SEEKING MY AGREEMENT), AMB WANG WAS QUITE FRIENDLY AND WILLING TO CHAT. WE DID SO FOR ABOUT 30 MINUTES, PRIMARILY ABOUT AID PROGRAMS, TECHNICIANS AND DIPLOMATIC PRIVILEGES. SINCE THEN HE HAS SEEMED REASONABLY FRIENDLY, AND I HAVE GONE OUT OF MY WAY TO BE SURE HE KNEW I WAS WILLING TO HAVE "NORMAL" RELATIONS. AT CANADIAN NATIONAL DAY RECEPTION LAST SATURDAY, FOR EXAMPLE, I TOOK THE INITIATIVE IN GREETING HIM AND WE SPENT AN AMIABLE 10 MINUTES TOGETHER (AS AMIABLE AS A CONVERSATION THROUGH AN INTERPRETER CAN BE, THAT IS). SIMILARLY, MEMBERS OF HIS STAFF HAVE SHOWN NO RELUCTANCE TO ENGAGE IN CONVERSATIONS WITH OTHER USG OFFICIALS.

5. DESPITE THE FOREGOING, MY WIFE AND I WERE SOMEWHAT POINTEDLY NOT RPT NOT INVITED TO AMB WANG'S INITIAL (AND TO DATE ONLY) LARGE RECEPTION IN MAY.

6. THERE CAN BE NO QUESTION OF "CONCERN FOR LOCAL CONDITIONS" ON PART OF PRC REPS HERE SINCE FONMIN RAMPHAL HAS MADE CLEAR TO THEM GOG'S DESIRE THAT COLD WAR RIVALRIES AND ANTAGONISMS NOT RPT NOT BE CARRIED OVER IN OUR SMALL COMMUNITY. RAMPHAL ALSO CONSPIRED WITH UNDP REP IN EFFORT TO GET ME AND RPC CHARGE D'AFFAIRES TOGETHER EARLIER IN YEAR. (SEE EMB'S A110 OF FEB 10, 1973 AND PREVIOUS.)

7. IN CIRCUMSTANCES, WE CAN ONLY SPECULATE THAT PRC AMB INSTRUCTED BY PEKING NOT RPT NOT TO ATTEND JULY 4 RECEPTION. KING

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